





LA CROIX DUCRU-BEAUCAILLOU

SAIN T-JULIEN



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Matthew Jukes – THE BORDEAUX REPORT

« Serious second wine. »

James Suckling – JAMESUCKLING.COM

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Yves Beck - BECKUSTATOR



La Croix Ducru-Beaucaillou (St Julien) 2021: This wine from Bruno Borie, which largely represents the fruit from vines just inland of Ducru-Beaucaillou, is a blend of 64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Merlot, and 4% Petit Verdot. It presents a dark and intriguing nose, the scents of crushed plum and red cherry fruits dressed with vanilla, a little dark chocolate and violets. It feels nicely textured at the start of the palate, showing a little more substance than the nose perhaps indicated, with some pretty crushed summer berries, violets, toast and chocolate, all set in a firm frame, with a grip of dense but taut tannins. Of course it has the punchy acidity of the vintage as well, which contributes to a rather classical style overall, but with an attractively silky substance. I like the bitter chocolate notes which return on the finish. The alcohol here is about 12.5%. 89-91/100 

JEB DUNNUCK

2021 La Croix Ducru-Beaucaillou

RATING**91-94****TASTING DATE**

6/2/2022

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I'd put the 2021 La Croix Ducru-Beaucaillou in the running for the best second wine of the vintage, and it ranks with most Grand Vins. Based on 64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Merlot, and the balance Petit Verdot, still resting in two-thirds new oak, it has gorgeous blue fruits, graphite, and some obvious minerality to go with a deep, medium-bodied, concentrated, remarkably pure style on the palate. It's a gorgeous wine.

REVIEWED BY

Jeb Dunnuck

SOURCE[2021 Bordeaux: A](#)[Challenging Yet Good](#)



Par Ella Lister et Béatrice Delamotte

Croix de Beaucaillou rouge 2021



92/100

92/100 Dégusté en 2022

Un bouquet cristallin, scintillant, serti de fruits noirs et de notes florales intenses. Sous des tanins polis, le fruit noir pur et la fève de cacao s'associent dans une matière tout en dentelle.

Decanter

Château Ducru-Beaucaillou, Le Croix Ducru, St-Julien, 2021

Tasted by **Georgina Hindle** (at Bordeaux, 01 Apr 2022)



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Bramble tones, quite fragrant and rich blackberry notes on the nose. A dark soul with depth and intensity, this has such richness and power but restraint also. Concentrated with a directness and focus that drives it from start to finish aided by a linear vein of salinity, liquorice and blackcurrant fruit that all take the fore. Tannins are robust and grippy giving such an impressive structure that is so imposing in the mouth but retains a suave and endearing quality. Such charm and potential.

Drinking Window 2025 - 2035

Le Point

Jacques Dupont

15,5 - Le Croix Ducru-Beaucaillou. Second vin.
64 % cabernet-sauvignon,
32 % merlot, 4 % petit-verdot.
Un peu fermé, s'ouvre dans
le verre, cerise, droit, frais, fin,
milieu de bouche tonique,
long, de l'éclat, joli, fruit qui
revient en finale.
O = 2024 G = 10 ans

Château Ducru-Beaucaillou St Julien La Croix Ducru-Beaucaillou 2021

TASTED BY JANE ANSON - 7 APRIL 2022

SCORE 92

Clear graphite, pencil lead, finessed black fruit that is lean and precise. Impressive, more structured than the past few years of La Croix, more vertical rise through the palate, and will benefit from softening not only over ageing but with a few years in bottle to tame the severe tannins. Higher levels of Cabernet Sauvignon, because the Merlot did less well over the growing season, and it makes it feel more in the spirit of the 1st wine. 60% new oak, 27hl/h yield.

THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER

By Jeff Leve

2021 Ducru Beaucaillou La Croix Ducru-Beaucaillou – With a floral and plum-filled nose, the wine is soft, silky, fresh, and polished, with black cherries, mint leaf, bright, red currants, and green olives in the finish. The wine is a blend of 64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Merlot and 4% Petit Verdot. 12.5% ABV, Drink from 2024-2035.

90-92



By Lisa Perrotti-Brown

2021 Ducru-Beaucaillou La Croix Ducru-Beaucaillou

87 - 89

The 2021 La Croix Ducru-Beaucaillou is made from 64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Merlot, and 4% Petit Verdot, to be aged in 60% new oak. Medium to deep garnet-purple in color, it comes skipping out of the glass with cheery scents of black and red cherries, mulberries, and fresh plums, followed by hints of lilacs and powdered cinnamon with a waft of bay leaves. Light-bodied, the palate is elegantly played with a lively backbone and soft tannins, finishing on a peppery note. pH 3.84. IPT 92.

Reviewed by: **Lisa Perrotti-Brown**

Reviewed Date: **May 18, 2022**

Source: **2021 Primeurs, The 10th Plague**

By Markus del Monego MW

La Croix de Beaucaillou 2021

Château Ducru-Beaucaillou, Bordeaux, France

93

Dark purple colour with violet hue and black core. Quite powerful yet closed nose, slowly opening up displaying an aroma reminiscent of dark berries, hints of blackcurrants, elegant and mild spices, refined toasting, hints of beetroot in the background. On the palate well structured with great tension, elegant with excellent persistence. A wine with true depth and length.



matthewjukes

THE BORDEAUX REPORT

La Croix Ducru-Beaucaillou (Ducru-Beaucaillou)

(64 Cabernet Sauvignon, 32 Merlot, 4 Petit Verdot)

17.5+

Sourced from central Saint-Julien vineyards south of the D2, this is the finest and most chiselled Croix I have tasted. With approximately 15% more Cabernet in the mix and 2% fewer degrees of alcohol, it could only ever be a very refined creation. I can unequivocally state that regardless of its parentage, as a standalone wine, this flavour would be granted Cru Classé status if the classification was ever rerun. If La Croix can maintain this complexity, class, and refinement level, it will be up there with the finest non-Grand-Vins in the region. In terms of my score - I deliberated long and hard about awarding it an 18, so I hope that this underlines just how much I respect this wine.



By Neal Martin

Vinous (91-93) pts

Ducru-Beaucaillou 2021 La Croix Ducru-Beaucaillou

Saint Julien Grand Cru Classé, Bordeaux

Red wine from France

Drinking window: 2026 - 2046

The 2011 La Croix Ducru-Beaucaillou has a very seductive bouquet of plush black cherry and raspberry preserves and a touch of Earl Grey. This is very nuanced and poised, showing a touch of cedar in the background. The palate is medium-bodied with firm tannins, and again, a little stricter than previous vintages thanks to the higher Cabernet Sauvignon. Classic in style, displaying fine sapidity, a touch of piquancy toward the finish and a persistent saline aftertaste. Very fine.

Neal Martin. Tasting date: April 2022

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William Kelley

2021 Ducru-Beaucaillou • La Croix de Beaucaillou

Rating	Release Price	Drink Date
(90 - 92)	NA	NA
Reviewed by	Complex aromas of dark berries, sweet spices, licorice, cigar wrapper and loamy soil introduce the 2021 La Croix de Beaucaillou, a medium to full-bodied, seamless and layered wine that exhibits promising depth, concentration and structure in this challenging vintage. It's a blend of 64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Merlot and 4% Petit Verdot—in other words, it contains a lot more Cabernet than usual.	
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Source	Issue 260 End of April 2022, The Wine Advocate	



By Yohan Castaing

La Croix de Ducru-Beaucaillou 2021

90-92

Assemblages réalisés. Dans un registre floral au moment de la dégustation, le bouquet évolue plus fruits noirs, cassis et myrtille, après une légère aération. Nez plus complexe et frais. Subtile pointe de bourgeon de cassis avec des notes de feuille de murier, de réglisse et de graphite pour un vin frais et délicat. Tanins en place, structurants, élégants et frais pour un vin sur l'allonge et la belle austérité médocaine. Devra se fondre avec les élevages pour un vin de garde moyenne (10 à 15 ans).



LA CROIX DUCRU-BEAUCAILLOU 2021

Dégusté le 05.05.2022 par Yves Beck

64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 42% Merlot, 4% Petit Verdot

Belle intensité du bouquet qui se veut invitant, appétant. Il est marqué par des notes de bâtons de réglisse, d'épices douces et de mûres. Le vin a du caractère et est doté de tannins pertinents, bien intégrés et assurant une belle assise. A l'image du bouquet, l'expression aromatique du palais est de bonne intensité, jusqu'en fin de bouche où elle est idéalement soutenue par la fraîcheur de la structure qui allonge la finale au passage. Un La Croix Ducru-Beaucaillou sérieux, convaincant qui ouvre la voix au grand vin. 2026-2045 **92-94/100**





LA CROIX DUCRU- BEAUCAILLOU ST.-JULIEN 2021

Medium body with a compact core of dark fruit, blackcurrants, pine cones, cloves and chocolate.

Beautiful depth. Firm, creamy tannins. Dark and firm, yet cool at the end. 64% cabernet sauvignon, 32% merlot and 4% petit verdot. Serious second wine.



By Adrian van Velsen

2021, La Croix

Ducru

Beaucaillou

France,

Bordeaux,

Saint-Julien

Grand succès : Ducru-Beaucaillou 2021 (c) vvWine.ch

92-94

50% bois neuf. 64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Merlot, 4% Petit Verdot. Rubis foncé. Le nez est complexe, révélant des baies noires et rouges, de l'épice fine, des tonalités florales, des oranges sanguines, des notes minérales. Frais, bien structuré en bouche, montre de la classe, des tanins présents, un fruit de Cabernet parfaitement mûr et une belle acidité, le vin est vif, vertical, a du tirant d'eau et une très belle longueur. Très bien fait. 2028-2040+ (Dégusté en avril 2022. Château Ducru-Beaucaillou)

ALEXANDRE MA

LA CROIX DUCRU-
BEAUCAILLOU 2021
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Among all the 2021 En Primeurs that I have tasted, La Croix Ducru-Beaucaillou is probably the most concentrated Grand Cru Classé second wine. The good berry fragrances and its outstanding concentration even make people forget for a moment that it comes from a cool vintage. Compared to the darkberries dominated in previous vintages, this wine focuses more on the expression of orchids and spices. It presents a rounded body, smooth tannins, and masculine structure on the finish. Definitely worth recommending.

BORDEAUX TOTAL

RENÉ GABRIEL'S ULTIMATIVE BORDEAUX-WEB-NAVIGATION

By André Kunz

2021 La Croix de Ducru-Beaucaillou: (64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Merlot, 4% Petit Verdot, 12.5% vol. Alkohol) Feinherbes, mittelkräftiges, florales Bouquet, Kirschen, Johannisbeeren, Zedern. Eleganter, feiner Gaumen mit frischer Frucht, gutem Tannin, feingliedriger Struktur, kräftiger, süßer Aromatik, langer, frischer, feinherber Abgang. 17/20 2028 - 2040



2021 La Croix Ducru-Beaucaillou

(91-93)

Drinking Window

2029 - 2041

From: 2021 Bordeaux En Primeur: Back to Classicism (May 2022)

The 2021 La Croix Ducru-Beaucaillou is packed with super-ripe black cherry, plum, crème de cassis, new leather and bittersweet chocolate, all dialed up in this decidedly exuberant Saint-Julien. There is some firmness in the tannin, but that should soften with time. Deeply pitched aromatics and striking persistence give the 2021 tons of character. This has real potential. Aging is projected to be 12 months in barrel, 50% new.

- By Antonio Galloni on April 2022